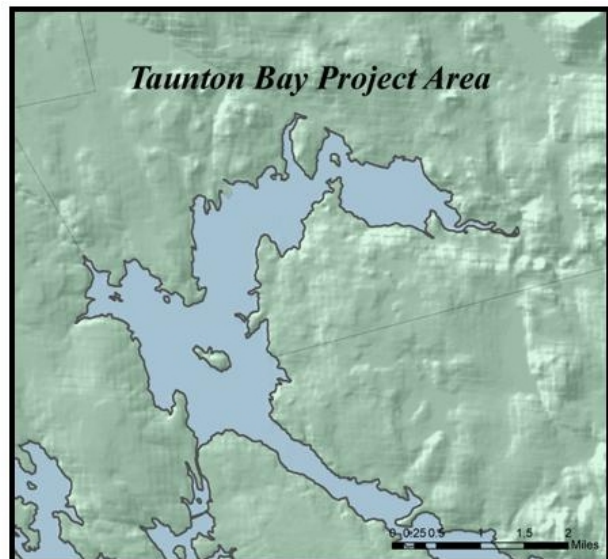
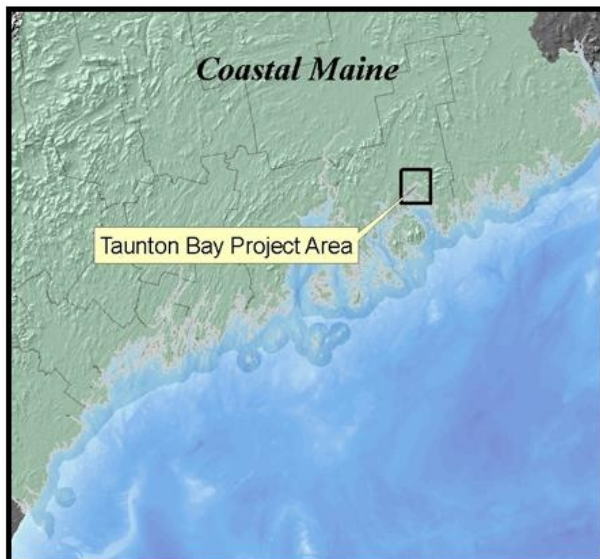


## Bay Management Study Pilot Project Description

<b><i>Applicant</i></b> Friends of Taunton Bay
<b><i>Geographic Area</i></b> Taunton Bay (at the head of Frenchman Bay), includes Hog and Egypt Bays
<b><i>Major Activities Planned</i></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identify and bring together stakeholder groups to identify areas of conflict and agreement. <i>Purpose:</i> Clarify issues of importance; Work towards conflict resolution; Promote education, information sharing and relationship building among stakeholders.</li><li>2. Develop suite of indicators of ecosystem health. <i>Purpose:</i> Provide information on the current state of the bay in order to track changes in the future.</li><li>3. Conduct a socioeconomic inventory and analysis of watershed resources. <i>Purpose:</i> Provide an assessment of the importance of a healthy Taunton Bay to local communities.</li><li>4. Create GIS maps of study area that indicate locations of existing and historical uses, important marine habitats, areas of economic significance and sources of pollution. <i>Purpose:</i> Provide graphic representation of data and findings.</li><li>5. Develop a potential new model of decision-making for bay management. <i>Purpose:</i> Compare different models of management and propose a design that works best in the Taunton Bay region.</li></ol>
<b><i>Governance Model to be Explored</i></b> <p>The Friends of Taunton Bay would like to explore establishing an ongoing, interaction relationship between their local group and state agencies for information sharing, problem solving and decision-making. Two of the specific ideas they suggested were: 1) Drafting uniform shellfish and worm ordinances for regional towns; and 2) Establishing zones of allowable activities in specific areas.</p>



For more information, go to <http://www.state.me.us/dmr/baystudy/baystudy.htm>